

OVERHEAD #1

Public Issue: More and more stores and houses are being built in Oakland County. Some of these have been built in wetlands areas. As a result, many wetlands have disappeared.

Public Issue Question: Should Oakland County restrict building in wetlands areas?

Public Issue: Metropolitan Detroit region lacks an effective public transportation system.

Public Issue Question: Should the State of Michigan provide state funds to build a Rapid Transit Bus System in Metropolitan Detroit?

Public Issue: There are many brownfields in the City of Detroit.

Public Issue Question: Should all communities in Metropolitan Detroit contribute funds to help clean up the brownfields in Detroit?

RESEARCH SHEET

My Public Issue: _____

Public Issue Question: _____

Information About the Issue:

Resources Used:

EXPLORATION SHEET
EXPLORING A PUBLIC ISSUE QUESTION

QUESTION: *Should* _____

YES	NO

Core Democratic Values

Liberty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The freedom to make choices. The freedom to believe what you want.• The freedom to have your own ideas.• The freedom to choose your own friends.
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is the same as fairness.• The idea that all people should be treated fairly.• No person or group should be favored.
The Common Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The good of the whole community.• People working together for the benefit of all.
Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equal treatment.• Equal protection under the law.• Equal opportunity.
Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect for the variety in cultural background, race, beliefs, etc.

WRITING PLAN

My Public Issue: _____

Public Issue Question: _____

My Decision: (*choose one*) _____ yes _____no

My Position Statement:

I _____

My Reasons:

1.

2.

3.

Connection to a Core Democratic Value:

I chose _____ because _____

Concluding Sentence:

ESSAY REVIEWS

Check off the parts that you found in the essay:

- _____ A position statement
- _____ At least two reasons
- _____ Support for the position using a core democratic value
- _____ A concluding sentence

My favorite part of your essay was:

A question I have about your essay is:

Something I might change in your essay is:

I liked your essay because:

Reviewed by: _____